about 25 million yards to 50 million yards last year and this year, for the first six months, I am told that the export is reported to be in the neighbourhood of 60 million yards. All these indicate that there has been a general improvement in the position of the handloom weaver.''

SRI A. SAMBASIVAM :—" மத்திய அரசாங்கத்தினுடைய செஸ் நிதி மூலம் நெசவாளர்களுக்கு போதுமான நூல் வசதி செய்து கொடுக்கவில்லை என்பதற்காக நூல் நூற்கும் தொழிற்சாலைகளிலிருந்தே வாங்குவதற்கு அரசாங்கம் எண்ணி இருக்கிறதா அல்லது முன்போல் சொஸைடி மூலம் ஒத்தாசை செய்ய முடியுமா ?"

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Yes, Sir. One of the recommendations which the Central Government have accepted is the establishment of a spinning mill somewhere in the South for the purpose of making yarn, and sufficient finance has also been allocated for it. I am fairly certain that when this mill begins to produce it will help the handloom weavers to a considerable extent.''

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" கனம் மந்திரி அவர்கள் பதில் சொல்லும் போது இங்கு நெசவாளர்களுக்கு நிவாரணம் தேடித்தர பல முயற்சிகள் எடுக்கப்பட்டுள்ளதாக கூறினார்கள். அப்படியானால் ஹைபவர் கமிட்டி செய்த சிபார்சை நம் அரசாங்கம் மத்திய சர்க்காருக்கு அனுப்பி யுள்ளார் களா ? மத்திய சர்க்காருக்கு அனுப்பியதில் எவைகளை ஒத்துக் கொண்டிருக் கிறார்கள். எவைகளை ஒத்துக் கொள்ளவில்லை என்று மந்திரி அவர்கள் தெரிவிக்கவேண்டும்.''

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, many of the recommendations of the High Power Committee have been accepted by the Central Handloom Board and the Central Government. I would like to have notice of a separate question to give details but, I can assure this House that many of the recommendations of this Committee have been accepted both by the Central Government and the Central Handloom Board.''

Medical concessions to N.G.Os.

* 286 *Q.*—SRI K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any additional allotment has been made in addition to the usual allotment to the Government hospitals on account of free medical aid given to non-gazetted officers; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Government have sent instructions to the District Medical Officers not to prescribe to non-gazetted officers any medicines which are not available in the hospital but to advise them to buy such medicines at their own cost from outside?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) No additional allotment has been made.

" (*b*) Instructions have been issued to the effect that medical officers should not prescribe expensive drugs, tonics, laxatives

or other elegant and proprietary preparations for the use of Government servants and members of their families when drugs of equal therapeutic value are available in the medical institutions concerned. The Government servants are allowed refunds in respect of the cost of any drug or medicine which they may have to purchase owing to there being no stock in the hospital or for any other reason on the production of essentiality certificates signed by the medical officers and vouchers in support of the expenditure incurred by them."

SRI K. ARANGANATHAN :—" Sir, recently the Government have issued instructions regarding the persons from whom alone non-gazetted officers should get their bills signed and submitted for necessary sanction. Before these instructions were issued there were bills pending sanction in the different offices but sanction was refused because they were not in conformity with the recently issued instructions. Will the Government be pleased to issue instructions to the concerned authorities to sanction these bills also? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, if the hon. Member writes to me about this matter, I shall enquire into the matter."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, it has come to our notice that the bills of non-gazetted officers who were treated in hospitals managed by local authorities were not sanctioned. In view of the fact that there are very few Government hospitals, will the Government be pleased to order that these officers may be given this free treatment in hospitals managed by local authorities also so that they may really benefit? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, the suggestion will be considered."

SRI S. PAKKIRISAMI PILLAI :—" Sir, is it not true to say that such special treatment to non-gazetted officers and their families deprives other patients of the usual and fair treatment? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, this concession was given to non-gazetted officers and employees of local bodies whose salary does not exceed Rs. 300 per mensem on account of the longstanding demands from them for better scales of salaries and better allowances."

SRI S. RAMALINGAM :—" சர்க்கார் ஆஸ்பத்திரிகளில் என்.ஜி.ஓ.க்களுக்கு அதிக விலையுள்ள மருந்துகளை சிபார்சு செய்யக்கூடாது என்று சர்க்கார் சர்க்குலர் அனுப்பி இருப்பதால் மெடிகல் ஆபிசர் என்.ஜி.ஓ.க்களை கவனிக்கமாட்டார் என்ற அவநம்பிக்கையால் பிரைவேட்டாக ஆனரரி சர்ஜன் அல்லது வேறு டாக்டரிடம் தங்களுக்கு வசதி செய்துக்கொண்டால் அதற்கான செலவுகளை சர்க்கார் கொடுக்க வசதி செய்யுமா ? "

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Sir, the instructions issued are to the effect that costly and expensive drugs should not be prescribed when drugs of equal therapeutic value are

available and, where they are considered necessary, they can purchase them if they are not available in the medical institutions concerned and refund will be given.''

Sri S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—'' Sir, will the Government be pleased to give us a rough idea or rough estimate of the financial effect of this concession? ''

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—'' Sir, a separate question may be asked.''

Repairs to the sluice in Thachampattu tank in Gingee taluk.

* 287 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether the sluice in Thachampattu tank in Gingee taluk, South Arcot district is leaky; and if so, what steps the Government have taken to repair it?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—'' Yes, Sir. The sluice is leaky. An estimate of Rs. 600 has been sanctioned for repairing the sluice, revetment and bund. Earth work to bund has been completed and repairs to sluice and revetment will be completed soon.''

Sri K. ARANGANATHAN :—'' இந்த மதகு எவ்வளவு நாளாக ஒட்டையாக இருக்கிறது என்று கனம் மந்திரிஅவர்கள் சொல்லுவாரா ? ''

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—'' The hon. Member knows it much better.''

Opening of a sub-treasury at Quilandi.

* 288 *Q.*—Sri C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP (on behalf of Sri P. Kunhirama Kidav) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether there is any proposal before the Government to open a sub-treasury at Quilandi in Kurumbranad taluk?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—'' There is no such proposal under the consideration of the Government.''

Sri C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP :—'' Sir, in view of the fact that Quilandi is the headquarters of Kurumbranad sub-taluk, will the Government be pleased to consider the question of opening a sub-treasury there? ''

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—'' Yes, Sir. If the cash transactions warrant it, the Government will consider the question.''

Single teacher schools.

* 289 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the number of single teacher schools in 1952–53 in Madras State?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—'' 1,806, Sir.''